

March 11, 2013/ Testimony

Dear Senator Gerrantana, Representative Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee;

My Name is Joyce Turcotte, dental hygienist from Monroe, CT.

Please amend SB No. 993 to include the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP) as stated in the 2012 HB 5541 and then vote to adopt it for this 2013 legislative session.

I oppose SB No. 993 - An Act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary; as it is written because the language edited needs to be more precise.

The ADHP will be controlled by the dental hygiene license to provide safe services and requires advanced education.

ADHP is a dental hygienist educated at the master's degree level. This degree is specific to the ADHP and the dental hygiene standards for care.

The ADHP will provide:

- preventive and primary dental services to the underserved in Connecticut
- increase access to care for underserved populations

There is significant data to support the role of the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner, available through the American Dental Hygiene Association.

Please speak to your colleagues on my behalf and oppose SB 993. Thank you for your consideration, interest and time.

Sincerely,

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